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- Submit Your Activist Form
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- Join Our Meetup Group

<http://www.LPColorado.org>  
<http://meetup.LPColorado.org>

## From The Chair David K. Williams, Jr., Chair

It is important for all of us to spread the message of liberty, wherever we are and whomever we are with.

Recently, I had the opportunity to fill in for Amy Oliver, host of a radio show on KFKA 1310.

I also got to speak to about 40 people at the Red Rocks chapter of Liberty on the Rocks, as well. You can see it here: <http://qik.com/ppcalpha>

Every day, there are examples of how statism is taking over our lives from both the left and the right. These examples give us fodder for discussion.

For instance:

\* I don't think Denver Post columnist Tina Griego would disagree with being characterized as "liberal." But even she, inherently, understands the problem with government control of any program. In a recent column, "[Panel's hard knocks may open doors](#)," she writes:

**"I've spent too much time in poor neighborhoods watching people drown in myriad contradictory and confusing government policies..."**

And yet, knowing this, and acknowledging this, liberals want the same government to take over health care in the entire country.

\* NFL player [Plaxico Burress plead guilty](#) to charges that will put him in prison for two years because he failed to ask the state of New York for permission to exercise his 2nd Amendment right. He took the plea because he was looking at 3 1/2 years if he was convicted by a jury. And he was, in fact, guilty of carrying an unregistered handgun. The problem is that New York has a law with such steep penalties for simply possessing a handgun without permission from the government.

It is outrageous. The State of New York must have plenty of prison space and resources if it can spend them on keeping Burress locked up for two years for this. Good to know New York is in such good financial shape.

\* According to the Denver Post, at a recent town hall on health care, Senator Michael Bennet "[used Veterans Affairs as an example](#)" of a public insurance program that is working for one group of people."

So he wants all of us to be able to get medical care like that given at Walter Reed Hospital, where "[Soldiers face neglect, frustration at Army's top medical facility](#)."

When we see these examples in the media, take note of them. Use them to show how the government is taking over our lives and how much better off if everyone is in a free, capitalist society.

Nothing is perfect. After all, society is made up of humans. But in an effort to make society "fairer," the government inevitably makes it worse.

Freedom is dangerous. Live dangerously.

And Let Freedom Ring,  
David K. Williams, Jr.  
Libertarian Party of Colorado State Chair



## Vice Chair Report

By Steve Gallant, Vice Chair

## Medium-Term Goals:

Write letter to affiliates and nascent affiliate organizations including:

- Introduction and description of Vice Chair job
- Summary of state-level resources, including Meetup, available to affiliates
- Encouragement to provide updates, event schedules, etc. to (affiliate?) newsletter
- Affiliate handbook and related affiliate documents

I am continuing to work on my medium-term goals.

Mike Spalding and I are discussing hosting a Jefferson County LP event in order to recruit a new affiliate chair.

With Mary MacFarlane appointed the new Records Director, I will be providing her with all the electronic versions of the last four years of LPCO records.

## Campaigns Report

By Norm Olsen, Campaigns Director

### Strategy Change

For years, and in the current Candidate's Handbook, I have recommended that candidates not announce too early. There are two reasons for that:

1. As an announced candidate, your access to media is limited as media outlets tend to be wary of printing articles by announced candidates. It sort of obligates them to print all the other candidates as well.
2. Average voters have no interest in politics until the month prior to the primary.

### THIS ELECTION CYCLE IS DIFFERENT!!!

This August and September the average voter is all fired up. There is anger out there. They are interested in politics and all incumbents are in trouble.

So, all Libertarians considering a campaign for this next election should get their campaign started: NOW!!!

1. Announce your intentions.
2. Start a blog with your name in the URL. The blog is free, it costs \$10 to have your own URL. DO it now, and keep updating it twice a week.
3. Get some business cards printed with your basic campaign information on the front, and an attention getter on the back. Something like this on the back:  
**Are you angry yet?**  
**[www.TomeJones.com](http://www.TomeJones.com)**  
Make it big enough to fill the entirety of the back of the card.
4. Start leaving these cards everywhere you go.

We need 10 candidates for our goal of 4 candidates on every ballot in Colorado. We have 6 at the "seriously considering it" stage. So, we're half-way there.

## F.R. Outreach Report

By Jeff Orrok, Outreach Director

### Member Recruiting Program:

1. Registered Libertarians as of August 1, 2009
  - a. 8,894 active + 2,680 inactive for a total of 11,574. The monthly growth rate was 1.20% and the projected growth rate for the year is 16.63%. Since Van's is the last major outreach event this year, we will have to focus on high schools, colleges, personal outreach and precinct building if we want to keep our growth rate up.
2. Event Planning
  - a. Work is concluding on an LP presence at each Van's Warped Tour venue throughout the country. In Denver, we had seven activists staffing our booth, and we got 40 Libertarian registrations and 217 contacts in 7 hours.
  - b. I am using Donny Ferguson's July 13 Monday Message as a template for organizing efforts at precinct building. I am working on lists and maps of the precincts with the highest concentrations of active (meaning voted in 2008) Libertarians and contact info of those Libertarians for Arapahoe and El Paso counties, and plans to do the same for Adams, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer, Mesa, and Weld. The basic idea is to start with inreach, initiating personal contact with our members, get them into regular communication with us and each other, and then expand to activism and outreach.
3. Equipment and Materials
  - a. The links card needs to be finalized and produced in significant quantities. I printed 1,000 for use at Van's (of which perhaps 200 were handed out), but inkjet printing is not water-resistant.
  - b. It turns out that 5,000 "Pro-Choice on Everything" buttons for use at all the Van's Warped Tour venues was wildly optimistic. To date, only about 1,150 of them were deployed (including 250 by us), and a couple of states even complained that such a slogan was too antagonistic to pro-lifers.
4. Voter Registration Drives
  - a. There has been little further work on automating parts of the process, and in fact I missed the deadline to file the forms from Pridefest by one business day. I am waiting to hear back as to whether there will be any penalties as a consequence.
  - b. There has been no further progress on modifying the national form and manual from the Election Assistance Commission.

5. Contact Processing
  - a. All the contacts for Van's Warped Tour were entered, thanks to assistance from Kate and Jaime; the data needs to be cleaned and the forms scanned. Some contact forms from other events this summer have been scanned, but with the exception of Boulder Creek Festival, they have not been entered.
6. One-on-One Outreach
  - a. I am still hoping to get Gene Freeland to give another one of his training seminars.

#### Speaking Program:

1. Event Planning
  - a. I gave my card to a high school teacher at Van's. We'll see if he invites us to come speak.
2. Speaker Recruitment
  - a. No activity to report
3. Speaker Training
  - a. No activity to report

#### High School Program:

1. Curricula Kit
  - a. No activity to report
2. Scholarship Contest
  - a. Rob McNealy is writing up a how-to for contacting schools based on how it is done by his fraternal order (Masons).
3. Student Groups
  - a. No activity to report

#### College Program:

1. Student Groups
  - a. No activity to report
2. Activism Training
  - a. No activity to report
3. Alliances
  - a. I had an email exchange with Kevin Hotaling, one of the activists associated with the Boulder Young Americans for Liberty. He is planning on running for Boulder City Council and proposes some kind of joint fundraising effort. The voter registration database from January shows he is affiliated with the Green Party.

## Fundraising Report

By Deni Cates, Fundraising Director

#### License Plate Frames:

I have ordered 500 license plate frames, which will be delivered to me on 8/12. They are a dark blue background with white lettering. The top says Libertarian, the bottom says Party.

Affiliates wanting to have license plate frames at their events will need to purchase the frames from LPCO.

#### Concealed Carry Class:

I have contacted an instructor and received some pricing information, class size limits, fundraising dollar potential, etc. I still have more work to do on this, and it's not something I'm an expert in. Right now it looks like for a 10-person class the cost per person would be \$150, and the LPCO could make \$250.

## Monthly Pledge Program

Monthly donations are the best way to help make a political difference. Although contributions are not tax-deductible, we have fixed expenses. Campaigns and events cost money. Choose an amount per month below, and PayPal will automatically send us your donation each month. Don't have a PayPal account? Click any button below and use your credit card or bank account instead. We've made it so easy, there really is no excuse for not contributing right now.

### Join the "Nickel Club!"

Donate \$5.00 each month easily using PayPal.

Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker and outreach handouts for friends.

**Join Now!**



### Join the "Copper Club!"

Donate \$10.00 each month easily using PayPal.

Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker, outreach handouts for friends, and a Libertarian cap.

**Join Now!**



### Join the "1776 Club!"

Donate \$17.76 each month easily using PayPal.

Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker, outreach handouts for friends, a Libertarian cap, and the book, "To Save America: How to Prevent Our Coming Federal Bankruptcy" by Martin L. Buchanan.

**Join Now!**



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~ ~ ~ Please Get Involved - [Click Here!](#) ~ ~ ~

## **BECOME A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

OPPORTUNITY to help liberty: Volunteer Coordinator for the Libertarian Party of Colorado. This person will use their people skills to find, motivate, and guide the various volunteers that contact the LPCO, matching the volunteer interests to the needs of the organization. This is a volunteer position for a political party that showed 62% growth in the past year and has a Board of Directors that is committed, interesting, and active in the community. A one year commitment with an average of 4-6 hours per week is needed. Please contact [membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org](mailto:membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org) with interest and questions

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### **Legislative Report**

**By [Justin Longo](#), Legislative Director**

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#### **Spread The Word:**

I just wanted to let you all be one of the first to [see our new "one minute and change health care" video](#). It takes on rationing using Oregon's disgusting medicaid system.

Please spread the word if you can. We all appreciate it.

Please forward this information to friends and family who are concerned about defending our freedoms!

**Urge others to sign up to receive free liberty alerts at:**  
<http://lpcolorado.org/lpcolibertyalerts.aspx>

**You can read past "LPCO Liberty Alerts" at:**  
<http://lpcolorado.org/lpcolibalertarchive.aspx>

**Sign-up to receive free e-mails from the National Libertarian Party at:**  
<https://www.lp.org/signup>

**Support the Libertarian Party of Colorado by joining the 1776 Club:**  
<http://www.lpcolorado.org/monthlypledges.aspx>

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~ ~ ~ Help Wanted - [Click Here To Indicate Your Interest!](#) ~ ~ ~

## **HELP WANTED: PETITION DRIVE**

The following groups are looking for individuals to collect signatures for three new statewide petitions. This effort is a joint petition drive with a joint flyer. Visit these websites to read the proposals and get other information:

- [www.cotaxreform.com](http://www.cotaxreform.com)
- [www.limitpropertytax.com](http://www.limitpropertytax.com)
- [www.limitcodebt.com](http://www.limitcodebt.com)

For more information: [info@cotaxreform.com](mailto:info@cotaxreform.com)

There is also the possibility of compensation for signature gathering.  
If you are interested in gathering signatures, please contact:  
[Jim Frye](#) or [Debbie Schum](#).

Among other reforms, these petitions will:

1. Undo the new exorbitant fees on vehicles.
2. Undo the illegal property tax increase.
3. Ban future state debt and limit local debt to voter-approved bonds.  
Local debt limited by total amount and 10 year-term.

Colorado voters would appreciate the opportunity to vote on these matters.

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## Media Report

By [Kate Melvin](#), Media Director

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- I've been working with Justin and Dave on an active Letter to the Editor writing campaign. My goal is to have two letters published each week in different papers around the state.
- In negotiations to have Dave appear on Independent Thinking with Jon Caldara.
- Beginning to reach out to radio producers to have Dave on their shows.
- Dave and I talked about sending the WSPQ to statewide candidates and then reviewing them for our members on a few key issues.
- Future of America TV is a new network in Denver broadcasting on Channels 56 and 57 through the Denver Open Media. They have reached out to the party about recording a weekly television show.
- I am starting to develop ideas for our blog. I'd like to meet with Severin to discuss various ideas we have for the blog.

## Membership Report

By [Clint Jones](#), Membership Director

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1. I am still calling registered Libertarians in Denver County using just 4 quick questions on:
  - a. [Subscribing to the monthly Colorado Liberty Newsletter](#),
  - b. Supporting Libertarian candidates with signs,
  - c. Supporting Libertarian candidates with contributions,
  - d. Supporting the LPCO with activist time and/or contributions.
2. I am on "active" voter number 839 (by alphabet in the W's).
3. I have added 150 people to The Colorado Liberty Newsletter Subscriber List.
4. I have emailed/mailed Contribution and/or Activist forms to 140 active voters.
  - a. Almost all of these 140 are willing to place a yard sign/bumper sticker for a Libertarian candidate.
  - b. A few did not know the Libertarians were even organized to this extent or that the Libertarian Party had a State Board of Directors.
  - c. I plan on following up with these 140 once we have another premium gift to entice them.
5. **If anyone is thinking about running/managing a serious campaign for political office as a Libertarian**, NOW is the time to start laying the groundwork to find out which of your Libertarian constituents will support you with a contribution or with signs/bumper stickers (see #1 above). Make your list using our calling script and the SOS list of registered Libertarians. Call/email me to get signed up with Google docs and get the script and list.
6. I am still looking for five to ten more volunteers to help in calling Colorado Libertarians using a short 3 minute script and putting the results in Google Docs. Email me if you want to volunteer calling as few as 100 people this summer. [membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org](mailto:membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org).
7. [LPCO Fund Raising Director](#), Deni Cates, and I have options to further get the Libertarian name in front of voters - caps/visors/license plate holders. Be at the [next Board meeting for further info](#).

## Publications Report

By [Jaime Brown](#), Publications Director

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Our publications consist of the [Colorado Liberty](#), [the state website](#), [the LPCO blog](#), and [event announcements](#).

If you would like to be informed about the activities of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, [subscribe](#) to the Colorado Liberty Newsletter (or unsubscribe if you are subscribed and no longer want to be. Every email will end with an unsubscribe link and we do not share your information with anyone).

Subscribers need to make sure that our newsletter is whitelisted, and check their "Junk" & "Spam" boxes. Members are encouraged to make sure that they have added "Libertarian Party of Colorado" [[lpcolorado@lpcolorado.org](mailto:lpcolorado@lpcolorado.org)] to their "Safe Sender's List" so that Newsletters, like this one don't end up in their spam folder.

Also, if your email address ever changes, please remember to [update your email address](#) for your subscription to The Colorado Liberty Newsletter to avoid any interruption in service.

All Colorado Liberty Newsletters are archived at <http://lpcolorado.org/coloradoliberty.aspx>

Thank you for your dedication to liberty.

## Records Report

By [Transitional Staff](#), Records Director

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The Libertarian Party of Colorado welcomes Mary MacFarlane who was nominated and appointed as Records Director in August. She has been in touch with Steve Gallant, the previous Records Director (now Vice Chair), who briefed her on the duties. Mary has a Bachelor's degree in English from Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, and currently works as a Development Coordinator for the Independence Institute. She will continue to compile and file in order to advance liberty in America. Welcome Mary!

Treasurer Report

By Leah Kelley, Treasurer

Thank you to our 1776 Club members.

These are the people that keep the doors open and the lights on at the State party. Please consider [joining them!](#)

-  Clint Jones
-  Curtis Harris
-  Daniel Underkofler
-  Debbie Schum
-  Deni Cates
-  Doug Anderson
-  Eva Kosinski
-  Frank Atwood
-  Greg Woods
-  Grace Reed
-  Jaime Brown
-  James J. Frye
-  Jeff Lucius
-  Jeff Orrok
-  Jennifer Amerkanov
-  Joe Klauser
-  Kathryn Chappell
-  Leah Kelley
-  Martin Buchanan
-  Michele Poague
-  Monte Poague
-  Mike Spalding
-  Norman Olsen
-  Rand Fanshier
-  Richard Randall
-  Shannon Murphy
-  Steve Adams
-  Steve Gallant
-  Stu McFarland

We have increased our Membership to nearly 12,000 members. Still, there are only Twenty-Nine [1776 Club Members](#).

Please [join these 29 dedicated individuals](#) who help us build the voice of liberty, support local Libertarian Candidates, and increase outreach/education to Colorado Voters.

[\\$5 or \\$5/mo. Please donate.](#)

Libertarian Party of Colorado August 2009 Income	
Income	%
Donations	100%
Total % of Income	100%

Libertarian Party of Colorado August 2009 Expenses	
Expenses	%
Bank Charges	0.37%
Credit Card Fees	5.59%
Membership Expenses	5.32%
Office	0.21%
Publications	12.38%
Rent	30.95%
Utilities (Total)	45.18%
Total Expenses	100%

W.S. Outreach Report

By Debbie Schum, W.S. Outreach Director

HEALTH CARE FASCISM

A friend of mine managed to get tickets to the "inner sanctum", so on August 15th, I went to Grand Junction to see President Obama. I did not get to ask a question. Basically, it was like being an unselected contestant in the audience of a game show.

I was approached by several TV journalists (mainly by virtue of my seat—in the back, in front of the press section). A couple of hours later, I found myself on a panel of 3 people, live on CNN. We were told we were doing an hour long debate about health care reform. One was the "I'm all for it" guy, the other was the "I'm on the fence" guy. And I was supposed to be the ignoramus backwoods buffoon opposed to everything. I was told by CNN I was not to say "Libertarian" (too controversial) or "constitution" (not pertinent). I "forgot" and said Libertarian right away. The so called debate with the other 2 panelists never happened. Instead, the "interviewer" appeared to want to debate me himself. He put me in a time out for saying I don't have insurance and don't want insurance, and that mandatory insurance is a corporate welfare subsidy for insurance companies, which doesn't help me or my doctor...only insurance companies. He told me he'd come back to me after I'd had a minute to think about the inaccurate things I'd said. He went on to the other guys, then came back to me by asking didn't I think I was selfish (yes, he said that...TWICE. View the interview here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyHYVizifhA&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyHYVizifhA&feature=player_embedded) ). I explained that insurance companies are a big reason health care costs are so high. What I later wished I would have said was "I'M selfish? I'm not the one proposing thousands of dollars in fines for people who can't afford insurance!"

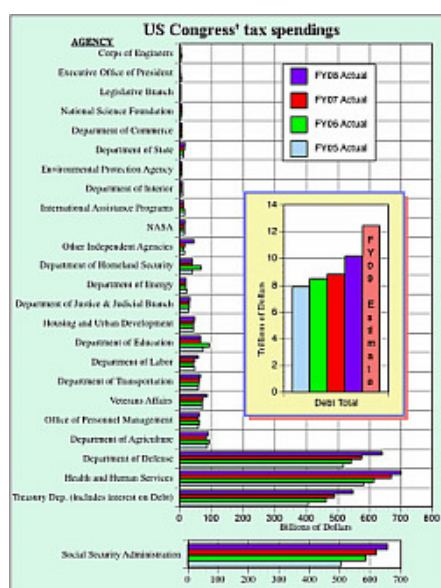
Apparently, I wasn't enough of a buffoon, because the "interviewer" decided to cut the hour long debate off after 5 minutes. He didn't even let the other guys respond to what I'd said. And indeed, afterwards one agreed with me.

Had the debate actually happened, I would have talked about these things: Health care reform discussion goes around and around in a circle. Many people have come to believe that we HAVE to have insurance to afford health care, which IS very expensive; that insurance is the solution, and an integral part of our health. They try to figure out how to make sure everyone has insurance, instead of focusing on health care prices and how to bring that down. Were that the focus, they'd see that insurance raises health care costs directly by approximately 60%. Hospitals and doctors have contracts with insurance companies. Because insurance companies are dealing in "bulk" they get a discount, typically paying about 40% of the actual bill. Medicaid/Medicare (M/M) does the same thing. So the hospital raises their prices in order to make up the difference. And they are frequently not reimbursed for anywhere from months to years. Now add in what it costs them to deal with insurance and M/M. I'm not saying there isn't room for improvement in health care pricing—I'm saying insurance clearly doesn't solve the problem. Especially when the insurance companies themselves are forced to deal with ridiculous mandates—laws—about what they have to cover and you have to pay for. Like men paying for pregnancy coverage, breast reductions, birth control pills, etc. This is comparable to what your car insurance would cost if you had to be covered (by law) for tire rotations, oil changes, all maintenance, and even things that don't apply to your car at all.

How much does a broken leg cost? How about stitches? Cyst removal? What other industry can get away with not telling you the cost up front? I urge all of you to read the health care reform bills yourselves. States will NOT be allowed to "opt out". Neither will citizens or businesses. Sure, you can keep your current insurance...as long as you don't change ANYTHING about it. And if you can't afford insurance (you have to pay for the public option, too), well, too bad...you'll be fined.

## Letters To The Editor:

### Libertarian 101: Family Budget vs. Federal Budget - By Barry Ritchey, II:








In the 1950's, the Federal income tax amounted to only 2% of the median family income. Americans enjoyed the highest standard of living in the world, usually with only one income. Now, contrast that to the median income family now paying 25% of their wages to Federal taxes, not to mention the additional 25% that government at all levels (state, local, hidden etc.) takes from you. Meaning we work half the year just to pay taxes. Add to that, most families now need 2 incomes just to keep from going bankrupt. The average working mother brings home 32% of the family income. So, basically she is working all year just to pay the family's taxes.

Do you think the government is spending half of your income wisely?

Keep in mind, the government is ever increasing the "money" supply, producing inflation. So, not only is the government taking half of your income at the threat of imprisonment, but now your groceries, clothes, and car cost more due to your money being worth less.

The government is driving your family to bankruptcy. And neither political party has been committed to stopping the growth of government. The Libertarian answer:

-  Of over 200 Libertarians currently holding public office, not one of them has ever voted for a tax increase and are committed to never doing so. Demand the same of your representatives.
-  Each one of those elected, believes that if government truly existed to prevent force and fraud, we would all be better off.
-  Libertarians have been instrumental in repealing State income taxes, particularly in Alaska and ultimately returning resources to the people.
-  Printing money is not the answer, free-er people and markets are.
-  Less government, less corruption.

Would you give-up your favorite government program in order to abolish the income tax for you and your posterity? The libertarian answer is a resounding yes.

This letter to the editor appears at: [www.denverlibertarian.info](http://www.denverlibertarian.info)  
For More Information: <http://www.lewrockwell.com/paul/paul334.html>

### Let's Do This - By Debbie Schum:

I'm sure I'm not alone when I say sometimes I get discouraged, and don't know what to do to staunch the bleeding in my wallet. Money seems to fly right out of it, and a lot of times I don't even know where it's going or why. I'm not talking about my own spending—I know how I spend my money and why. I'm talking about how the government spends my money. Like a lot of you, I am sometimes drawn to some rally or another, to mingle with others who feel the same way. But often I am even more discouraged afterward, because I know showing up somewhere, waving a sign around, didn't really do anything. The money continues to drain away into some abyss

or another. I want to be more effective. And then I am reminded that we really can do something. And I want to tell you about one of the things we can do right now.

First, look at these 3 websites:

<http://www.cotaxreform.com/>

<http://www.limitcodebt.com/>

<http://www.limitpropertytax.com/>

Then get on the phone and call me (970-234-8056) or email me ([wsoutreachdirector@lpcolorado.org](mailto:wsoutreachdirector@lpcolorado.org)) so I can get your signature on each of these petitions. Better yet, help circulate these petitions! I have enough for the western slope!

Some one else has already done the hard part...thinking these ideas up, and actually turning the ideas into petitions for you to sign. Will you commit to helping us collect signatures? I don't want one of you to collect all the signatures. I want several of you to collect just 100.

Each of these petitions is state wide, so anyone in Colorado can sign, as long as they are registered to vote in Colorado. Even committing to get only one set (one of each of the 3) filled—which realistically would only take a few hours in front of a busy outlet like a store—would help tremendously to get these issues on the ballot in 2010. And that is infinitely more effective than complaining from the couch.

#### Here are the issues:

**Limit Government Debt**—we have a legal right to vote on government debt, but politicians still borrow on our credit card by using other names for debt. We can not only reaffirm the 1876 constitutional ban on state debt, but we can allow local debt by voter approval only, limit the total local debt, require the government to pay all their debts, and lower taxes after those voter approved debts are paid. And quit passing irresponsible debts on to babies that aren't even born yet. See [www.limitcodebt.com](http://www.limitcodebt.com) to learn more.

**Reform Property Taxes**—wouldn't you like to be able to petition the local government to lower your property taxes? Wouldn't you like to see the government run businesses have to pay taxes as well? Would you like to see (unelected) special districts have to be up front when they tax you, instead of sneaking it in on your property taxes or elsewhere? Shouldn't we replace part of school property taxes over 10 years with an equal level of state aid? Did you think it was fair for Governor Ritter to "freeze" your property taxes at a high rate when the economy has gone down hill? Then let's get [www.limitpropertytax.com](http://www.limitpropertytax.com) on the ballot!

**Cut Car, Income, Phone Taxes**—Speaking of Governor Ritter, how do you all like your new car registration "fees"? Imagine this: Over a 4 year period, we lower ownership and sales taxes (and end rental and lease taxes), and set our yearly registrations at \$10. And while we're at it, why don't we ban all other car "fees"? And let's say we also lower our 4.63% state income tax to 4.5%, and then lower it another 0.1% every year for the next 10 years that income tax revenues exceed 6%. Hmm...and maybe while we're at it, we end state and local taxes and charges on our phones, pagers, cable, and other telecommunications accounts! We'll keep the 911 fee, because we find emergency services legitimate. Unlike the recently ended "1898 Spanish-American war telephone tax" which raked in \$5.9 billion in 2005 alone. [www.cotaxreform.com](http://www.cotaxreform.com) can help stop those idiocies.

So call or email me. We can all do this with your help!

### C.U.T. Releases Legislative Ratings for 2009 - By Jim Frye:

On August 17th, the Colorado Union of Taxpayers (CUT) released its annual ratings of Colorado's state legislators, for the 2009 legislative session. Marty Neilson, CUT president, describes the organization as:

"The Colorado Union of Taxpayers (CUT) is a non-partisan taxpayer activist group whose mission is to help educate the public as to the dangers of excessive taxation, regulation, and government spending ...."

The 100 legislators (65 House Members and 35 Senators) were rated on a scale of 1-100.

During the 2009 legislative session, Colorado taxpayers were again under pressure by our representatives. Neilson goes on to note "Raiding 17 cash funds while enacting statues setting up even more cash funds to raid later demonstrates their disdain for our Colorado constitution and the will of the Colorado citizens."

Each year, Colorado legislators are in session for approximately 120 days, from the second week of January until the second the week of May.

Out of the hundreds of bills introduced by the politicians, CUT identified 32 bills for rating. These bills set the example for how legislation impacts the taxpayers of Colorado.

You can read the report and how your individual legislators fared in this session at: <http://coloradotaxpayer.org/new/CUT-ratings-2009.pdf>

For more information on the CUT organization you can visit their web site at: <http://coloradotaxpayer.org/>

### Liberal And Conservative Agree On Bill Of Rights....

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